



State of California

LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on water governance. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

In this study, the Commission is examining the management and governance of California's water supply. At this hearing, the Commission will learn about the current conditions surrounding the state's water supply, its management and issues related to it.

The Commission will hear an overview from a professor of civil and environmental engineering at UC Davis. The chair of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will speak on lessons for water governance that stem from its two-year Delta study. The assistant general manager for the nonprofit organization State Water Contractors will discuss transparency and accountability. A senior consulting attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund will discuss balancing environmental needs and ensuring the role of public interest. Finally, a water policy advisor with the Planning and Conservation League will look ahead to future management of water resources.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, April 16, 2009.

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Overview of Current Water Landscape and Issues

1. Jay Lund, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Davis

The Delta Experience: Larger Lessons for Water Governance

2. Phillip Isenberg, Chair, Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

Improving Transparency and Accountability, Contractors' Perspectives

3. Laura King Moon, Assistant General Manager, State Water Contractors

Balancing Environmental Needs; Ensuring Public Interest Role

4. Cynthia Koehler, Senior Consulting Attorney, Land, Water & Wildlife Program, Environmental Defense Fund

Envisioning a Different Future

5. Jonas Minton, Water Policy Advisor, The Planning and Conservation League

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 1 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2009
- II. Schedule/Project Selection
- III. Subcommittee Reports
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from Bureau of State Audits